

In The Claims:

1-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) A functional element as set forth in claim 54, wherein said features define a groove disposed crosswise through said thread thereby providing anti-rotational properties ~~to said undercut~~ to said thread.

52. (Currently Amended) A functional element as set forth in claim 54, wherein said features define a rib disposed crosswise through said thread thereby providing anti-rotational properties ~~to said undercut~~ to said thread.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (New) A functional element in the form of a pin having first and second ends and a length and a diameter and a thread formed at said first end and extending along at least a part of said length, said pin diameter being substantially constant along said length, said pin further having features interrupting said thread at said first end, said first end being adapted for attachment to a sheet metal part, said sheet metal part having a ~~pot-like~~ cylindrical recess of the sheet metal part with a continuous base receiving said first end, material of said sheet metal part being deformed radially inwardly of said thread at said first end and engaging said features, whereby said threaded pin is permanently attachable to said sheet metal part and projects beyond said sheet metal part for the attachment of another component thereto.